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1. USAID WITH ASSISTANCE FROM ROMIG HAS DRAFTED
SCOPE OF SERVICES WHICH MIGHT BE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION
WITH USGS, AS PROPOSED CONSULTANT, AND PRESIDENT OF JVC
WHO IS EXPECTED TO VISIT AID/W FEBRUARY 24 OR 25,

2. DRAFT SCOPE FOLLOWS

A. REVIEW PUBLISHED DATA ON THE DYDROLOGY OF THE
DEAD SEA, AND IF APPROPRIATE DISCUSS WITH JORDANIANS AND
IRAELI AGENCIES THE RECENT HISTORY LEVELS NCIRCULATION
(IE MAKING OF INCOMING FLOWS WITH WATER IN
THE SEA) AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DEAD SEA TO:

(1) DETERMINE RECENT RATE AND MAGNITUE FO
CHANGE OF THE WATER LEVEL AND COMMENT ON REASONS FOR
SUCH CHANGE

(2) CONSIDERING EVATION RATES ESTIMATE
EFFECT AND RATE OF CHANGES OF LEVEL OF SEA AWITH
NO INFLOW AT ALL B WITH NO INFLOW FROMTHE
JORDAN IVER AND C THE CHANGES WITH INFLOW FROM THE
JORDAN AT RATES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CONSULTATNT.
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(3) ESTIMATE EFFECT OF LEVEL CHANGES ON THE
EXISTING AND PROPOSED POTASH PRODUCTION FACILITIES
BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION
TING SUCH FACILTIES AND OTHER POSSIBLE EXPERTISE.

(4) RECOMMEND ANY LONG TERM INVESTIGATION

THAT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE CHANGES IN
LEVELS CURRENT SPECIFIC GRAVITY MINER CONTENT
AND OTHER FACTORS RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL USE OF THE
WATERS FROM THE SEA, AS WELL AS TO OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL
AND ECOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

B. REVIEW THE NEEDED AND RECOMMEND POSSIBLE LOCATIONS
FOR RECORDING THE FLOW AND WATER QUALITY IN THE JORDAN
RIVER IN THE AREA BETWEEN LAKE TIBERIAS AND THE
DEAD SEA.

C. PROVIDE REPORTS ON ABOVE INCLUDING GENERAL OB
SERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL
EFFECTS OF POSSIBLE CHANGES OF SURFACE WATER INFLOW.

3. WITH REGARD TO EFFECT OF DEAD SEA LEVELS ON PATASH
INDUSTRY, USAID BELIEVES THT USGS SHOULD BE PROVIDED
WITH SECTION 9.3 VOLUMN OF JACOB'S 1976 PRELIMINARY
FEASIBILITY REPORT AND APPROPRIATE SECTIONS FROM
THEIR 1966 REPORT.

4. WE WOULD HOPE SUCH A STUDY WOULD NOT UNDULY DELAY
OUR DECISION ON THE MAQARIN DESIGN. AFTE AID/W DIS
CUSSIONS WITH UGS PLEASE DVICE AND ALSO PROVIDE RE
VISED SCOPE ESTIMATE COST AND ESTIMATED DATES OF
SERVICEW. WE HOPE THE FINAL HARZA REPORT WILL DEAL
ADEQUATELY WITH THE OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

5. OMAR ABDULLAH IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE SCOPE
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DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO THE U.S.

6. AFTER WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE ABOVE, WE
CAN DSCISS THE BEST MEANS OF COORDINATING THE STUDY
WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

7. CONSULTANT MIGHT ALSO REVIEW AT SAME TIME IMPACT
ON DEAD SEA AND ITS ECOLOGY OF RECENTLY PUBLISHED
ISRAELI PLAN AUTHORIZED BY S. GAR WHICH IN ITS
RELATIONSHIP TO DEAD SEA IS A REVISION OF THE OLD
LAUDERMILK PROPOSAL. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS SECTION
OF WORK SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER OR HOLD UP THAT PART
RELATED TO HARZA REPORT SUGGESTED ABOVE. HOWEVER IT
COULD WELL BE DONE SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN POTENTIAL TIE
IN OF THE GAR PROPOSAL WITH JORDANIAN WORK AND
INTERESTS IN THIS AREA.
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